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## **Columbus Police Conduct Information Briefing on 2019 Homicides**

On Monday, December 30, 2019, Columbus Police held an informational briefing regarding the homicides that occurred in 2019, as well as, 2018 and 2017. This briefing was held at Columbus Police Headquarters by Deputy Chief Timothy Becker of the Criminal Investigations Subdivision, Major Crimes Bureau.

This briefing was to inform the public on homicides in the city of Columbus and a breakdown of special circumstances on how the numbers can change based on certain factors. It was also to illustrate that although some tend to focus on the number, but, understanding that behind each number, is a human being. Each victim is a friend or family member to someone left behind that we as the Division of Police take very seriously and understand how tragic it is to suffer the loss of life with loved ones. Present at the briefing were several family members of victims who have succumbed to senseless acts of violence. These family members are part of the victims' lives and continue to mourn as each case has been unsolved and are asking for your help in finding the person(s) responsible.

We stand behind these family members, as well as all the families who have suffered the loss of a loved one. We are committed to utilizing new ways not only to minimize the loss of life in the Columbus community, but, also bring closure to each victim's case that are unsolved.

\*\*\*Please note\*\*\*

For those not in attendance, the numbers provided at the time of this briefing can change based on certain factors and are adjusted based on way we are required to report them to the state.

Here are the most up to date statistics on the homicides in the past three years:

**2017: 152**

**2018: 115**

**2019: 104**

Numbers were retroactively increased by 12 in 2018, 9 in 2017, and 4 in 2015 to account for deaths at Mt. Carmel West that are being investigated criminally.



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